

House Bill 1105 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Cooper of the 41st, Rynders of the 152nd, Carter of the 159th, and Channell of the 116th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to require hospitals to offer certain vaccinations to inpatients aged 65 years or older; to provide for standing orders for vaccinations; to provide certain immunity for a hospital or health care provider acting in good faith; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-7-17.

Annually between October 1 through March 1, prior to discharging any inpatient who is 65 years of age or older, a hospital shall offer the inpatient vaccinations for the influenza virus and pneumococcal disease, unless contraindicated and contingent on availability of such vaccine, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations of the department.

The vaccinations may be administered pursuant to a standing order that has been approved by the hospital's medical staff. A hospital or health care provider acting in good faith and in accordance with generally accepted health care standards applicable to such hospital or health care provider shall not be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal liability or to discipline for unprofessional conduct for complying with the requirements of this Code section."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.